

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants extend their thanks for Examiner Dwivedi for the courtesy of discussions concerning the wording of the claims in this application. As a result of such discussions, and per the latest discussion on August 18, 2008, Applicants and Examiner Dwivedi have reached agreement on the claim amendments for allowable subject matter, which are presented by way of this Preliminary Amendment. Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to a first Office Action.

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on June 26, 2008 along with an Amendment After Final, which Applicants understand will be entered by Examiner Dwivedi prior to entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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